Guidelines for telecast of programmes on DD/AER

† 1642. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

whether Government have fixed any guidelines for selection of programmes to be telecast on Doordarshan and All India Radio;

if so, the details thereof;

whether it is a fact that these guidelines have been violated in the telecast of many programmes; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against the persons responsible for telecast of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir. No guidelines on selection of programmes have been issued by the Government to Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati, enjoys autonomy in such matters.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortlisting of private agencies for programmes on DD/AER

*1643. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government shortlist private organisations for programmes and news to be given on'Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) if so, the names of the short-listed private organisations in the first nine months of 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.